(*d*) As the said 24 families are residing in Aralakere village recently; the lands have not been allotted to them.

Building for Taluk Hospital at Bantwal

527 SRI B.A. Mohiddeen(Bantwal).—Will the Minister for Health and Family Welfare be pleased to state:—

(a) what steps have been taken to provide building for the Taluk Hospital, Bantwal :

(b) what is the bed strength of the said hospital :

(c) what is the average number of out-patients treated and admitted in the hospital per day ?

SRI M. MALLAPPA (Minister for Health and Family Welfare).—

(a) Plans and estimates for construction of 30 bedded Hospital building are awaited.

(b) 24 (Twenty-fore)

(c) Average out-patients per day is 228,

Average No. of in-patients admitt d per day is 2 to 3 patients.

Pest attack on paddy crop in Bhaire Village N. K. District.

564 SRI D. V. WAIGANKAR (Karwar).—Will the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state :—

(a) whether the paddy crop in about 70 acres of land in Bhaire Village in Karwar Taluk was totally spoiled by pest attack in September, October, 1977 ;

(b) whether the District Authorities including the Deputy Commissioner had personally visited the area ;

(c) whether representation was made for exemption of land assessment for these lands ;

(d) if so, the decision taken by Government in the matter ?

SRI B. BASAVALINGAPPA (Minister for Revenue).—

(a) The extentof paddy crop affected by the pest attack in Septembe. and October 1977 in Bhaire Village in Karwar Taluk was 27 acresr

(b) Yes

(c) Yes.

(d) The affected area has been exempted from payment of Land Revenue, since the holdings were less than 5 acres.